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SUBJECT: NORTH KOREAN REJECTION OF NON-AGRESSION PACT

1. ROKG REACTED QUICKLY TO JANUARY 26 NODONG SINMUN EDITORIAL CATEGORICALLY REJECTING PRESIDENT PARK'S PROPOSAL FOR A NONAGRESSION AGREEMENT. EDITORIAL, BROADCAST BY PYONGYANG RADIO, SAID PARK'S PROPOSAL WAS A TRICK TO ENSURE THE PERMANENT DIVISION OF KOREA AND REITERATED PYONGYANG'S POSITION THAT SETTLEMENT OF KOREAN PROBLEM SHOULD BE THROUGH KIM IL SUNG'S FIVE-POINT PROPOSAL.

2. MINISTER OF CULTURE AND INFORMATION YUN CHU-YONG READ ROKG STATEMENT JANUARY 26 WHICH SAID REJECTION OF PARK'S PROPOSAL SHOWS THE NORTH KOREANS INTEND EVENTUALLY TO REINVADE THE SOUTH. HE SAID THE PROPOSAL, WHICH HAD RECEIVED WIDE FAVORABLE COMMENT ABROAD, WOULD LAY THE FOUNDATION FOR PEACEFUL UNIFICATION AND HE URGED THE NORTH ACCEPT IT AND GIVE UP THE "WILD DREAM OF UNIFICATION BY VIOLENT REVOLUTION".

3. ROK PRESS REACTION TO NODONG SINMUN
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EDITORIAL HAS STAYED CLOSE TO GOVERNMENT LINE

LAI DOWN BY YUN'S COMMENTS ARE GIVEN
MAJOR FRONT-PAGE CONVERAGE, WITH EMPHASIS ON
MERITS OF THE PARK PROPOSAL AND APPEAL TO NORTH
TO RECONSIDER.

4. ONLY EDITORIAL REACTION HAS BEEN BY GOVERNMENT-
OWNED SEOUL SHINMUN, WHICH REGRETS NORTH
KOREAN ACCUSATION THAT PARK'S PROPOSAL WOULD
PERMANENTLY DIVIDE KOREA AND NOTES THAT NORTH
POSITION IS SELF-CONTRADICTORY, AS
PYONGYANG ITSELF HAS CALLED FOR PEACE AGREEMENT.
EDITORIAL ALSO NOTES NORTH KOREAN REJECTION IS
CONTRADICTORY TO UNGA RESOLUTION AND INTERNATIONAL
OPINION AND WARNS THAT PYONGYANG RISKS ISOLATING
ITSELF IF IT INSISTS ON REJECTING THE NONAGGRESSION
AGREEMENT.

5. COMMENT: NORTH KOREAN REACTION TO PARK'S
JANUARY 18 INITIATIVE WAS AS ORIGINALLY EXPECTED
BY ROKG AT TIME PROPOSAL MADE. HOWEVER
UNUSUAL EIGHT-DAY SILENCE BY PYONGYANG FOLLOWING
THE PRESIDENT'S NEWS CONFERENCE WAS INTRIGUING
AND LED TO SPECULATION WITHIN ROKG THAT
NORTH WAS HAVING PROBLEMS IN DECIDING HOW TO REPLY
TO PROPOSAL.
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